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Harford County to Host Workshops on Medicare Part D/Prescription Drug Program Enrollment

BEL AIR, Md., (Sept. 6, 2018) - Open enrollment for Medicare Part D, the federal program for prescription drug coverage, begins on October 15 and ends on December 7, 2018 for the 2019 coverage year. To help local Medicare beneficiaries navigate the open enrollment process, Harford County's Office on Aging will be hosting several workshops at locations throughout the county prior to, and during, the enrollment period. These 90-minute sessions will introduce beneficiaries to Medicare's Plan Finder, an online tool that helps individuals select the best coverage for the upcoming year. Staff will guide attendees through the plan finder and provide take-home guides for reference. Participants must have basic computer skills.

Medicare Part D plan information for 2019 will not be available until on/or about October 15, 2018 when the open enrollment period begins.

Space for the Harford County workshops is limited and registration is required. To learn more about these sessions including dates, times, and locations please call 410.638.3389 or visit www.harfordcountymd.gov/OpenEnrollment. Individuals who do not know how to use a computer may register a friend or family member to accompany them to a session. Those without computer access may call 1-800-Medicare for further assistance during the open enrollment period.

The Harford County Office on Aging will also record one of the workshops for beneficiaries to view online starting on October 10 on the homepage of the county website

at <u>www.harfordcountymd.gov</u> and at <u>www.hcplonline.org</u>, the website for Harford County Public Library.

"There are more than 40,000 Medicare beneficiaries living in Harford County," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "These workshops offered by our Office on Aging will help more families navigate the time-sensitive Medicare enrollment period."